

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 792

Honoring Robert Kelly Slater for his outstanding and unprecedented achievements in the world of surfing and for being an ambassador of the sport and excellent role model.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2009

Mr. POSEY (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring Robert Kelly Slater for his outstanding and unprecedented achievements in the world of surfing and for being an ambassador of the sport and excellent role model.

Whereas Robert Kelly Slater was born on February 11, 1972, in Cocoa Beach, Florida;

Whereas Kelly Slater learned to surf in Cocoa Beach, Florida, with his brothers, Sean and Stephen;

Whereas Kelly Slater was a perennial amateur champion in the 1980s, winning 6 Eastern Surfing Association titles and 4 national titles;

Whereas, in 1992, at the age of 20, Kelly Slater was the youngest surfer to win the Association of Surfing Professionals World Championship;

Whereas, between 1992 and 2008, Kelly Slater was a 6-time winner of the Billabong Pipeline Masters, a competition held annually for the 45 top-ranked surfers by the Association of Surfing Professionals at the Banzai Pipeline in Oahu, Hawaii;

Whereas, between 1994 and 1998, Kelly Slater won 5 consecutive Association of Surfing Professionals titles;

Whereas, in 1995 and 1998, Kelly Slater won the Triple Crown of Surfing, the Reef Hawaiian Pro at Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park, the O'Neill World Cup of Surfing at Sunset Beach, and the Billabong Pipeline Masters at the Banzai Pipeline;

Whereas Kelly Slater was inducted into the Surfers Hall of Fame in 2002;

Whereas, in 2002, Kelly Slater won the Quicksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau at Waimea Bay in Oahu, Hawaii, a competition that occurs only when waves reach a minimum height of 20 feet;

Whereas Kelly Slater was the 1st surfer ever to be awarded 2 perfect scores in the final heat of the Billabong Tahiti Pro Contest under the Association of Surfing Professionals 2-wave scoring system;

Whereas Kelly Slater won an Association of Surfing Professionals World Title in 2005, 7 years after his previous win in 1998;

Whereas, in 2007, Kelly Slater started the Kelly Slater Foundation to raise awareness and financial support for socially and environmentally conscious charities;

Whereas Kelly Slater has 39 World Championship Tour victories;

Whereas Kelly Slater holds 9 Association of Surfing Professionals World Championships, a record number;

Whereas, in 2008, at the age of 36, Kelly Slater was the oldest surfer to win an Association of Surfing Professionals World Championship; and

Whereas Kelly Slater is surfing's all-time leader in career event wins: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 Robert Kelly Slater for his outstanding and unprecedented
- 3 achievements in the world of surfing and for being an am-
- 4 bassador of the sport and role model for aspiring young
- 5 surfers in the United States and throughout the world.

